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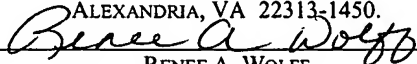
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the outstanding Final Office Action mailed September 30, 2004. Please amend claim 14 as shown in the following listing of all pending claims. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims 1-14, in view of the following remarks, are respectfully requested.